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June 13, 1995

Fiber Materials Inc.
Biddeford Industrial Park
5 Morin Street
Biddeford, ME 04005

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to clarify a recent change in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) policy regarding certain sites listed on the Superfund program inventory of known and suspected hazardous waste disposal sites (the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System or CERCLIS database). Sites which have been evaluated by the EPA Superfund Site Assessment program and subsequently "Deferred" to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C program are now being removed from the CERCLIS database.

The Fiber Materials Inc. property, located in the Biddeford Industrial Park, in Biddeford, ME (EPA Identification Number MED048268890) is one such site. It was deferred to the EPA RCRA Subtitle C program on September 30, 1992. A search of our files does not show that you, as an owner, operator or other interested party, were ever notified of that decision. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with formal notification of EPA's decision to defer this site to the jurisdiction of the EPA RCRA program, and to let you know that this site has consequently been removed from the CERCLIS database.

The deferral decision means that no further work is anticipated at this site by the federal Superfund Site Assessment program. Sites receive a "Deferred" decision when the federal Superfund Site Assessment program has completed its assessment of a site, and has determined that no further steps will be taken to list a site on the National Priorities List (NPL or "Superfund List"), because the site is being addressed under RCRA Corrective Action authorities.

Sites which are deferred to the RCRA Subtitle C program for possible remedial action have historically remained in the CERCLIS database to ensure that these investigations are not needlessly repeated. However, to avoid confusion regarding which program authorities apply, these sites are now being removed from the CERCLIS database and archived as historical records.



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Deferred sites are also subject to state jurisdiction, and further actions may be required at this site by the state. You may wish to contact the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (ME DEP) to verify the status of your property with regard to state authorities. The contact for the ME DEP is Stacy Ladner, who may be reached at (207) 287-2651.

Finally, "Deferred" decisions may be changed based upon new information or other considerations which make a recommendation for NPL listing appropriate at a later time. In such an instance, you will be notified and the site will be returned to the CERCLIS database with the "Deferred" decision removed.

For further information regarding the status of this site under the RCRA Subtitle C program, please contact Ernest Waterman, who may be reached at (617) 223-5511. If you have any questions regarding the removal of this site from the CERCLIS inventory, I may be reached at (617) 573-9697.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Smith".

Nancy Smith
Site Assessment Manager
Waste Management Division

cc: Debra Hanley, ME DEP

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I
JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203-2211

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 1992

SUBJ: Draft Preliminary Assessment Plus Report
Fiber Materials, Inc.
Biddeford, ME
MED048768890
TDD# 9108-112-ATE

FROM: Nancy Smith *NS*
ME Site Assessment Manager

THRU: Sharon Hayes *SH*
Work Assignment Manager

TO: Diane Stallings
TRC Inc.

**** IMPORTANT ****

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE FROM THE EPA SUPERFUND PROGRAM. STATE COMMENTS WERE FORWARDED TO YOU SEPARATELY. RCRA COMMENTS ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, 1992.

IF THE FINAL REPORT CAN BE DELAYED IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE RCRA COMMENTS, AND STILL MEET THE SEPTEMBER 30, 1992 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF ALL PA+ PROJECTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EPA SAM PRIOR TO FINALIZING THIS PA+ REPORT. OTHERWISE, PLEASE REVISE THE DRAFT REPORT TO ADDRESS EPA SUPERFUND AND STATE COMMENTS. RCRA COMMENTS WILL THEN BE INCLUDED IN THE EPA SITE FILE.

I have reviewed the draft PA+ report and have no comments.



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August 26, 1992

Nancy Smith
Superfund Support Section (HSS-CAW-7)
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Boston, Massachusetts 02203-2211

Re: Draft Preliminary Assessments Plus Report
Fiber Materials Inc.
Biddeford, Maine
CERCLIS No. MED048268890
TTD No. 9108-112-ATE

Nancy
Dear Ms. Smith:

The following are combined CERCLA/RCRA comments from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for the draft Preliminary Assessment Plus Report on Fiber Materials Inc., Biddeford, Maine.

The Department of Environmental Protection agrees that the Fiber Materials Inc. facility in Biddeford should be deferred to the RCRA program for further evaluation.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Rick Kaselis or me at (207) 287-2651.

Sincerely,

Enid Jones, ES III
Division of Site Investigation and Remediation
Bureau of Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Control

pc: Rick Kaselis, DOHWFR
Debra Hanley, DSIR
Becky Hewett, DSIR

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The following are my comments for the report listed above.

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2	1 and 2	Comment to EPA. This locates the facility being reported on at 5 Morin Street and the second facility of the same name at High Street. Please make sure that CERCLIS and RCRIS reflect these addresses to avoid confusion in the future.
2	3	It is confusing when the report lists work area 1, work area 6 and work area 2 as former buildings. It reads as if the buildings were moved to this new location not built as additions to building 1. By leaving the text the way it is the reader is sometimes confused when building 1, building 2 and building 6 are referenced later in the text. If you look for these buildings on figure 2 only buildings 1 and 3 through 5 are noted. Please clarify the use of "buildings" so that building 1 discusses additions and not separate "buildings".
5	2	Where are the ledge outcrops located?
5	2	Does surface drainage discharge via a combined city sewer overflow or through a NPDES discharge to a Thatcher Brook tributary?
7	3	In this paragraph it states that hazardous waste is generated in work area 1. Why wasn't work area 1 listed as an AOC? There is no mention of how FMI handles the hazardous waste generated in the work areas.
7	4	What is (P-3)?
9	1	What was the hazardous waste concern in Building 3 to make it an AOC?

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9	2	Third sentence. The sentence states that "rolls and fiber are passed through stretch ovens...". What type of material are the rolls made of?
9	2	Where is the packed tower-recirculating scrubber located? Is the packing material or water from the tower considered a hazardous waste? If the material is hazardous, is this a potential AOC?
9	3	There is no mention as to the disposal or handling of the cadmium sulfide slurry waste stream. Is the cadmium slurry waste a hazardous waste? How are these materials handled and disposed of?
9		Why was Work Area 6, #1 Hazardous Materials Storage Area and #2 Hazardous Storage Area not discussed here with the other areas of concern (AOC)?
9	4	Please clarify which interim license is pending final administrative disposition.
10	4	The last reference given in this paragraph (FMI, 1982) states that the manifest was dated June 6, 1992 and yet this discussion is about a spill that occurred in 1982. Is this reference correct?
13	2	The second noted violation needs to have the wording checked in the second sentence. Is the storm sewer system a combined sewage/storm water runoff system and does it go into the town's sewage treatment system?

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14	2	Since the report did not mention any documented surface water contamination attributable to this site, I will assume that only a 15 mile downstream delineation needs to be noted. The in-water segments as given; 1.2 miles in the tributary, 4.2 miles in Thatcher Brook, 9.8 miles in the Saco River and 5.2 miles in the Atlantic Ocean, equal 20.4 miles of in-water segments for the 15 mile downstream pathway. Please clarify the in-water segment delineation.
14	3	Please reference how the numbers of private wells were estimated either in the text or the table.
18	1	Please reference how population distribution numbers were calculated.
21	3	The residential population value of 13,341 listed here is not the same as the residential population value of 8,645 given in Table 6. Why are these numbers different?

References:

22	Brouillet, 1992a. No date on this reference.
22	EPA, 1980. The date on the reference is 1992.
22	EPA, 1982. The date on the reference is June 25, 1992.
22	FMI, 1982. The date on the reference is June 6, 1992.
22	MEDEP, 1981a. The date on the reference is November 25, 1991.
22	MEDEP, 1981b. The date on the reference is December 8, 1991.

Appendix A

A-2	AOC 1	Where there any noticeable signs of spillage in this area (i.e. staining) on the wooden floor? Are there any drainage areas or sumps in the concrete subfloor? Is there any way to tell what is "pooling" under the wooden sub-floor? Can the wooden floor be removed for inspection and/or clean up operations of the subflooring?
A-3	AOC 2	First sentence. Typo "the these". The closed-loop cooling tower outside Building 2 was not shown on figure 2. Is the cooling water or packing material in these units considered hazardous wastes? How does FMI handle a discharge from the cooling towers to a 700 gallon holding tank. Is a discharge from the closed loop cooling tower a hazardous waste?
A-4	AOC 3	Here again, is there any way to tell what is "pooling" under the suspended wooden floor? Where there any noticeable signs of spillage in this area (i.e. staining) on the wooden floor? Are there any drainage areas or sumps in the concrete subfloor? Can the wooden floor be removed for inspection and/or clean up operations of the subflooring? What is P-3 resin?
A-5	AOC 6	How is the area "open"? Please clarify.
A-6	AOC 6	Under release controls, I believe you meant to say that the drums were in half barrel overpacks not the storage areas themselves.
A-6	AOC 7	Waste Managed at AOC. UST-B is missing from the list here.